producers to telecast news programmes from Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its impact on media; and

(c) the details of other major policy changes under consideration/finalisation under new Electronic Media Policy?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Finalisation of Bills on Broadcasting and Amendment to Prasar Bharati Act is under consideration of the Government.

[Translation]

Passenger Amenities at the Railway Stations of Maharashtra

348. SHRI NAMDEO DIVATHE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of such Railway Stations in Maharashtra where Restaurants, Waiting Rooms, Drinking Water facility, Retiring Room and Shed over the platforms are not available;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide these facilities at these stations during the current financial year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). Facilities such as drinking water, waiting halls, seating arrangement and latrines are provided at all stations. Amenities such as refreshment rooms, retiring rooms, sheds on platforms etc. are provided based on the importance of the station, the volume of traffic handled at the station and the number of long distance trains stopping, originating or terminating at the station. Therefore, the availability of amenities at all Stations will not be uniform. Important stations and stations with a large volume of traffic are provided with all amenities whereas smaller stations, with a relatively meagre volume of traffic, are not provided with the same quantum of amenities.

However, as a continuous process, the Railway conduct surveys to ascertain the adequacy of amenities at every station and the deficiencies, wherever noticed, are made good by including suitable works in the Railways Annual Work Programmes and subject to the availability of funds.

The Ministry of Railways, however, does not maintain this information state-wise.

[English]

Doordarshan/AIR Projects in Orissa

349. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of projects for setting up of AIR stations completed/Pending in Orissa location-wise;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(c) the details of the Doordarshan/AIR projects proposed to be undertaken during the current plan period;

(d) the number of such projects likely to be set up in Tribal Areas separately?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) As in statement enclosed.

(c) and (d). AIR plans to start two more schemes of Local Radio Stations in tribal areas at Soro and Rairangpur, whereas DDn proposes to set up three additional transmitters at Berhampur, Bahalda and Paikamal for which schemes are yet to be approved. This is in addition to 37 transmitters (including those in tribal areas) Studio set up at Bhawanipatna and Sambalpur (Permanent Set up) which are under implementation in Orissa.

STATEMENT

S No	Name of scheme	Commissioned on	Capital expenditure (Rs in lakhs) (Approx.)
1	2	3	4
@1	Local Radio Station at Berhampur	1.4.1993	274.93
2	Local Radio Station at Bolangir	29.12.1993	242.87
@3	Local Radio Station at Rourkela	20.4.1995	297.45
4	Local Radio Station at Puri	29.6.1995	168.08
@5	New Radio Station at Bhawani Patna	30.12.1996	697.22
6	LRS at Joranda	3.10.1995	186.60
7	Upgradation of 20 KW MW Tr. to 100 KW at Jeypore	16.9.1993	195.41
8	Stereo channel with 6 KW FM Tr. PB Studio at Cuttack	27.5.1994	39.48